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1. An individual in close touch with the European situation in general and with that of Czechoslovakia in particular has drawn for us the following analysis of one possible effect of the Tito-Cominform split upon the Czechoslovakian economy.

a. When former President Benes of Czechoslovakia made his deal with Stalin part of the proposition was that the Soviet Union would undertake to furnish the Czechoslovakian industrial machine with certain vital raw materials without which it would be impossible for the Czech industrial economy to be maintained;

b. It was manifestly impossible for the Soviet Union to furnish all of these raw materials from the Soviet economy itself and that, therefore, the fulfillment of this contract would be impossible without the assistance of the satellite nations, particularly Yugoslavia, in supplying raw materials;

c. In view of Tito's break with the Cominform countries and the consequent economic warfare arising between them, it appears altogether probable that Russia will not be able to fulfill her agreement with Czechoslovakia in so far as that agreement relied upon materials expected to be drawn from Yugoslavia;

d. Hence a crisis in the Czechoslovakian economy appears quite probable in the near future.

2. It is suggested that any propaganda which we may find opportunity to direct to Czechoslovakia might well play upon this aspect, emphasizing the inability of the Soviet to live up to its economic agreements.

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